

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.  
SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE AND  
ERISA LITIGATION

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**ORDER OF REFERENCE  
TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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MDL No. 1933

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The above entitled action is referred to the designated Magistrate Judge for the following purpose(s):

General Pretrial (includes scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement)

Consent under 28 U.S.C. §636(c) for all purposes (including trial)

Specific Non-Dispositive Motion/Dispute:<sup>\*</sup>

Consent under 28 U.S.C. §636(c) for limited purpose (e.g., dispositive motion, preliminary injunction)

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

If referral is for discovery disputes when the District Judge is unavailable, the time period of the referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Habeas Corpus

Social Security

Settlement\*

Dispositive Motion (i.e., motion requiring a Report and Recommendation)

Particular Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Inquest After Default/Damages Hearing

All such motions: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Do not check if already referred for general pretrial.

**SO ORDERED.**

DATED: New York, New York

8/13/08

  
United States District Judge